

Thank you for your interest in submitting an abstract for the upcoming Scientific Session. This document is intended to be your guide in using the online submission software and we strongly suggest you print this out for future reference. If you have any questions regarding the abstract process or the use of the submission site, please call 310-437-0544 and ask to speak to Dan Berlant (x118) or Jason Levine (x100). You may also email abstracts@sages.org with your questions and comments.

The abstract submission system includes the following features:

User Accounts:

All users must register to use the system. All abstracts submitted by an account can be viewed and managed from the account. Abstracts may be edited or deleted without having to contact the SAGES office.

Save for Later:

If you need to leave before finishing a submission, simply logout and log back in later. Your abstract will be saved at the last point you saved data.

Improved Support for Special Characters, Images, and Table:

Most of the standard ASCII character set can be copied from your word processor and into the abstract text. Abstracts may now contain formatting, multiple images and tables, and improved scientific character recognition.

IMPORTANT DATE:

**THE SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR
ALL ABSTRACTS AND VIDEOS IS
SEPTEMBER 20, 2024
5:00 PM PDT**

(The deadline will not be extended and no late submissions will be accepted!)

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Part 1 – Accessing the Abstract Submission Site

To access the abstract submission site, please go to the following page:

<http://www.militarysurgeons.org/military-surgical-symposium-call-for-abstracts>

On that page, you will see a link to access the abstract submission site. Please follow that link after reading the instructions on the SAGES site.

After following the link you should see a page similar to the following:

Abstract Submission and Management

**Welcome to the online abstract submission site for the
The Society of Military Surgeons
12th Annual Military Surgical Symposium.**

Taking place at the
SAGES 2025 Annual Meeting.
March 12-15, 2025
in Long Beach, California

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE:
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2024, 5:00 PM PDT**

The military symposium will include all three military services and will be part of the scientific and clinical sessions of the SAGES 2025 Annual Meeting. Please note that this is not an official Department of Defense event.

There is a **400-word limit** for abstracts. No reference to the authors or the institution should appear within the body of the abstract or in the abstract title.

The abstract copy must include the following:

- Objectives
- Methods
- Results
- Conclusion

Important Notice: The following Abstract Submission Policies will be firmly enforced:

- No Previously Published Submission: The abstract submitted must present original work, performed by the author and must not have been published prior to March 12, 2025.
- No Dual Submissions: The abstract must not have been submitted to any other upcoming meeting in North America.
- The paper may have been previously presented at another meeting but must not have won any previous awards.
- Digital Poster Submission: If selected for a Poster Presentation, a digital version of the poster must be submitted.
- The Society of Military Surgeons will be accepting videos this year. The Maximum length for videos is Seven (7) Minutes and no 3D Videos will be accepted. To be considered for a Video Presentation, a short abstract summary of your video MUST be submitted via the online abstract submission site and your video MUST also be uploaded online.

NOTE:The SAGES Conflict of Interest Committee (CIC) declares that no employees/owners of an ineligible company may present in SAGES CME accredited sessions. This policy is applicable to abstract authors and presenters.

Please visit the following web page for other rules, guidelines, instructions and the SAGES Policy on Owner/Employees of Ineligible Companies:
www.militarysurgeons.org/military-surgical-symposium-call-for-abstracts/

ALL submitters MUST create a new account to submit an abstract. Accounts created in the past submission run will no longer work. (the link to create a new account is below the login box).

If you are uploading a video, use the latest versions of Firefox, Chrome, Safari and IE 10 or above.

Login

User ID:

Password:

Attention:

- Need to create an account? [Click here](#)
- Forgot your password? [Click here](#)

For technical assistance, please call (310) 437-0544 x118 or Email abstracts@sages.org

This is the entry page for the abstract software. **ALL submitters MUST create a new account to submit an abstract. Accounts created in the past submission run will no longer work. You must create a new account for 2024/2025 (you may use the previous username and password).** The link to create an account is found just below the login box.

Part 1a – Technical Requirements

We have tested the software with multiple browsers and operating systems. Please use one of the following to access the abstract submission system.

Browsers:

Windows:

MS Internet Explorer 9 or newer

Current versions of:

- Firefox
- Chrome

Macintosh:

Current versions of:

- Safari
- Firefox
- Chrome

Mobile Devices:

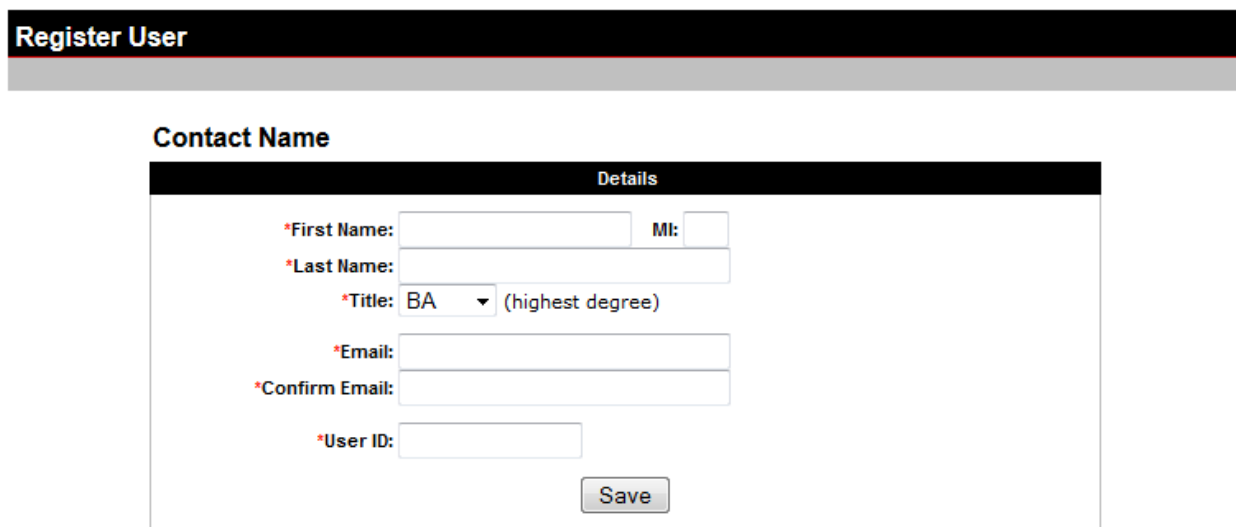
We do not currently support mobile browsers

Screen Resolution:

We recommend setting your screen resolution to **AT LEAST** 800x600 pixels. Users with a screen resolution of 640x480 pixels will have a hard time navigating the site. What you see will vary depending on your computer and browser settings.

Part 2 – Creating a New Account

You must create an account before you can submit abstracts for this meeting. Each user account can submit an unlimited number of abstracts. If your institution is planning on submitting multiple abstracts, it may be to your benefit to coordinate all submissions under one account for easier management. Once you have clicked on the link to create a new account (from [Part 1](#)), you will see the following screen:



The screenshot shows a web form titled "Register User" with a sub-section "Contact Name". The form is enclosed in a black header bar with the text "Details" on the right. The form fields are as follows:

- *First Name: MI:
- *Last Name:
- *Title: BA (highest degree) [dropdown menu]
- *Email:
- *Confirm Email:
- *User ID:

A "Save" button is located at the bottom right of the form.

Please fill out this form completely, as all fields (except Middle Initial) are required. This is the main Contact Name for the entire account. Individual abstracts can have a different contact name if desired.

You **MUST** enter a valid email address and you **MUST** be able to check that address for new messages to receive the password to log in. Additionally, we recommend you whitelist @submitmyabstract.com email addresses in your spam filter to prevent the message from being blocked. Passwords are automatically generated and emailed to verify the email address. This step is necessary because we will be conducting communications almost entirely by email. After submitting the above form, you should receive the password by email within 5 minutes. If no email is received after 10 minutes, please contact the [SAGES Office](#) for assistance.

Part 3 – Logging In

By now, you have created an account using the form from [Part 2](#) and you have received your password by email to the address you provided. The randomly generated password will look something like this:

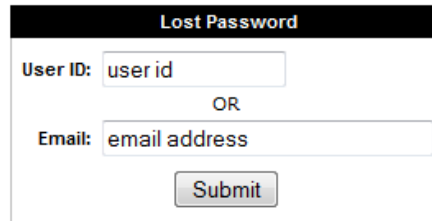
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Follow the link in the email to go back to the abstract site login screen and enter the User ID you created into the User ID box (see below). The passwords **ARE CASE SENSITIVE**, so you must enter capital and lowercase letters exactly as shown in the email. ***We suggest that you copy and paste the password from the email into the login box.*** Once you have entered your User ID and password, click the **Submit** button to log in.

Part3a – Resetting a Forgotten Password

Upon clicking the “**Forgot your password? Click here**” link on the login screen, you will be taken to the password reset screen:

Abstract Submission and Management

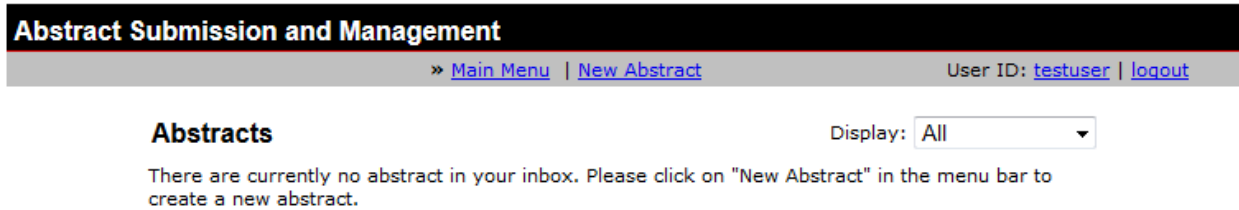


The screenshot shows a web form titled "Lost Password". It features two input fields: "User ID: user id" and "Email: email address", with the word "OR" centered between them. A "Submit" button is located at the bottom of the form.

Enter **EITHER** your user ID **OR** your email address above and click the **Submit** button. The password for that account will be reset to a new randomly generated value and emailed to the address provided when you created the account. If you do not receive the new password within 5 or 10 minutes, please contact the [SAGES office](#) for technical support.

Part 4 – The Main Menu

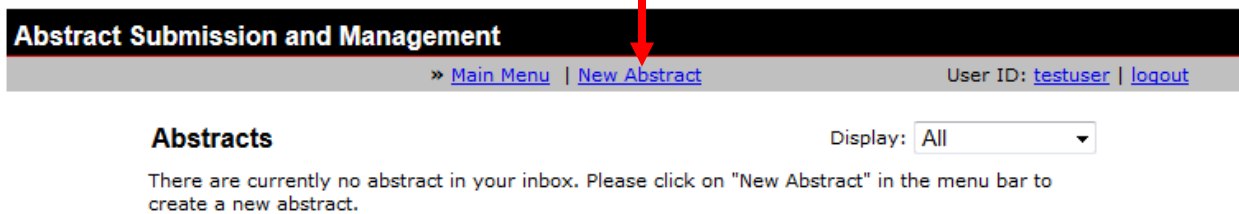
After a successful login, you will see the following screen:



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar with the title "Abstract Submission and Management" on the left and "User ID: [testuser](#) | [logout](#)" on the right. Below the title are two links: "» [Main Menu](#)" and "[New Abstract](#)". The main content area has a heading "Abstracts" and a "Display: All" dropdown menu. Below this is a message: "There are currently no abstract in your inbox. Please click on "New Abstract" in the menu bar to create a new abstract."

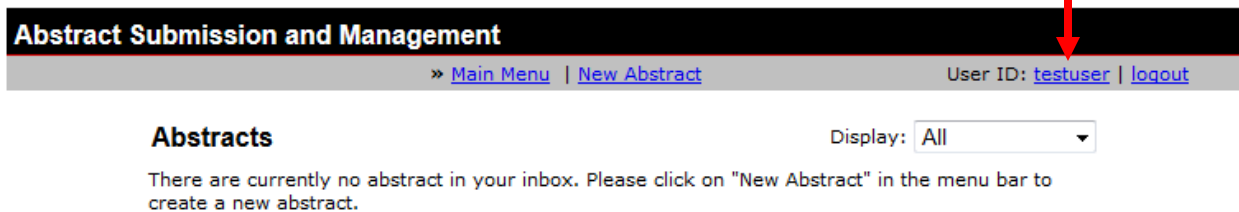
Because this is your first time logged in, you have no abstracts in the system.

To begin submitting a new abstract, click the “**New Abstract**” link at the top of the page ([go to Part 5](#)).



This screenshot is identical to the previous one, but a red arrow points from the text above to the "New Abstract" link in the navigation bar.

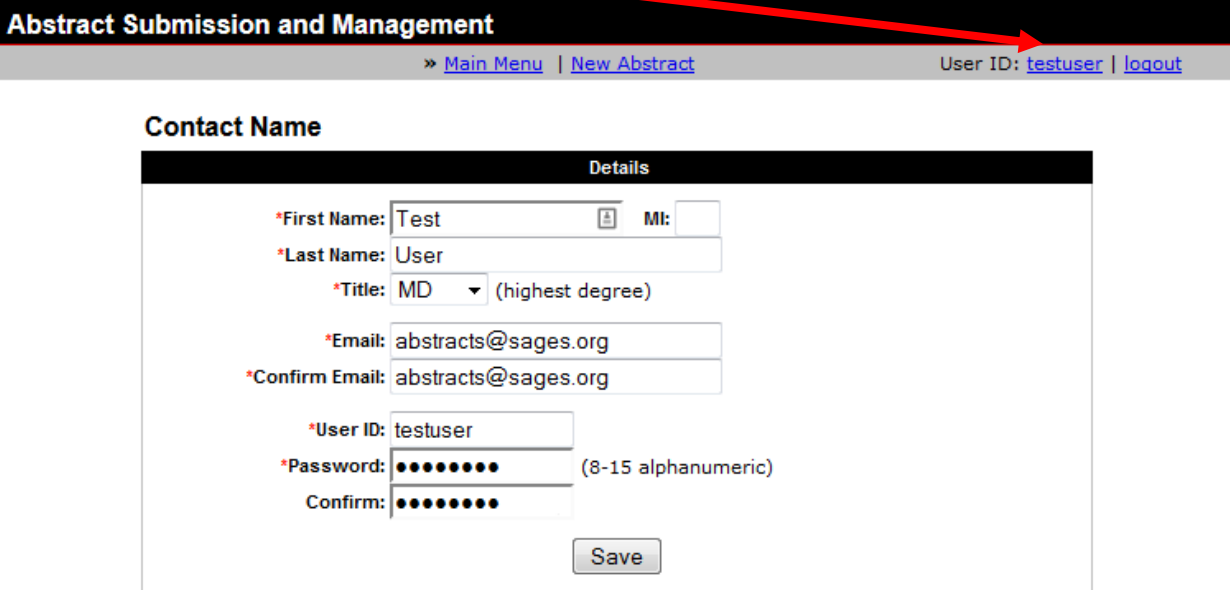
To change the randomly generated password, **click on your user ID** at the top right of the screen ([go to Part 4a](#)).



This screenshot is identical to the previous ones, but a red arrow points from the text above to the "testuser" user ID in the top right corner of the navigation bar.

Part 4a – Changing the Password

To change the randomly generated password to something easier to remember and type, click on your **User ID** at the top right of the main menu. You will see the following screen:



The screenshot shows the 'Abstract Submission and Management' header with navigation links for 'Main Menu' and 'New Abstract', and the user ID 'testuser' with a 'logout' link. Below this is the 'Contact Name' section, which contains a 'Details' form. The form fields are as follows:

Details	
*First Name:	Test <input type="text"/> MI: <input type="text"/>
*Last Name:	User <input type="text"/>
*Title:	MD <input type="text"/> (highest degree)
*Email:	abstracts@sages.org <input type="text"/>
*Confirm Email:	abstracts@sages.org <input type="text"/>
*User ID:	testuser <input type="text"/>
*Password:	●●●●●●●● (8-15 alphanumeric) <input type="password"/>
Confirm:	●●●●●●●● <input type="password"/>

A 'Save' button is located at the bottom right of the form.

To change the password, first enter your email address in the “Confirm Email” text box and then simply enter the new password in the Password and Confirm fields and click the **Save** button. You will see a message at the top of the screen if the information was saved successfully. At that point, you can **Logout**, return to the **Main Menu** or begin a **New Abstract**.

Part 5 – Submitting a New Abstract || Step 1 – Contact Information

When you click on the **New Abstract** button at the top of the Main Menu, you are taken to the following screen:

Abstract Submission and Management

» [Main Menu](#) | [New Abstract](#) User ID: [testuser](#) | [logout](#)

Abstract Submission: Corresponding Author

*First Name: Test MI:

*Last Name: User

*Degree: MD (Please select highest degree. This is not used in publication, simply for correspondence regarding submission)

*Address:

*City:

*State: ----- select -----

*Postal Code:

*Country: United States

*Phone:

*Cell Phone:

*Email: abstracts@sages.org

All fields marked with the **red asterisk (*)** are required and may not be left blank. The system assumes that the Contact Name of the account will also be the contact for the abstract, but you may change this if you wish.

Please enter a valid postal address as well as a valid phone number and email address. Entering a fax number is optional but highly recommended.

Click the **Next** button at the bottom of the page to continue, or click the **Cancel** button to discard this abstract and return to the Main Menu.

Part 5 – Submitting a New Abstract || Step 2 – Title, Authors & Institutions

Abstract Submission and Management

» [Main Menu](#) | [New Abstract](#)

User ID: [testuser](#) | [logout](#)

Abstract Submission: Titles, Authors & Institutions

<p>*Abstract Title: <input type="text"/></p> <hr/> <p>*Author(s): <input type="text"/></p> <p><input type="button" value=" << Back"/> <input type="button" value=" Add Author"/> <input type="button" value=" Save & Continue >>"/></p>

In accordance with ACCME regulations, the accredited provider for this activity must ensure that anyone who is in a position to control the content of the education activity has disclosed to us ALL financial relationships with any ineligible company (formerly "commercial interest" - see below for definitions). Should it be determined that a conflict of interest exists as a result of a financial relationship you may have, you will be contacted and methods to mitigate the conflict will be discussed with you. In addition, all affirmative disclosures must be revealed by a slide at the beginning of the presentation or note that you have nothing to disclose. Failure or refusal to disclose or the inability to resolve the identified conflict will result in the withdrawal of the invitation to participate.

Ineligible companies (formerly commercial interests) are those whose primary business is producing, marketing, selling, re-selling, or distributing healthcare products used by or on patients.

Examples of such organizations include:

- Device manufacturers or distributors
- Pharmaceutical companies or distributors
- Bio-medical startups that have begun a governmental regulatory approval process
- Growers, distributors, manufacturers or sellers of medical foods and dietary supplements
- Manufacturers of health-related wearable products

The ACCME does not consider providers of clinical service directly to patients to be ineligible companies. (<https://www.accme.org/accreditation-rules/standards-for-integrity-independence-accredited-ce/eligibility>)

Length of Financial Relationships: The ACCME requires disclosure of financial relationships with ineligible companies in the 24-month period preceding the time that the individual is being asked to assume a role controlling content of the CME activity. You do not need to disclose your spouse/partner's relationships.

What to Disclose: ACCME requires that individuals disclose ALL financial relationships with ineligible companies.

Enter the abstract title in the first field on this screen. The title is limited to 254 characters.

Click **Add Author** to begin adding the First (Primary) Author.

Abstract Submission and Management

>> [Main Menu](#) | [New Abstract](#) User ID: [testuser](#) | [logout](#)

Abstract Submission: Titles, Authors & Institutions

*Abstract Title:

Add Author

Abstract Submission: Add Author

*First Name or Initial: MI:

*Last Name:

Title(s): (separate multiples with a space, i.e. PhD RN)

Cell Phone:

Email:

*Institution:

*Training Status: Student Resident Fellow N/A

*Has this author had within the last 24 months a financial relationship with an ineligible company?
 Yes No

Enter in the author's Name, Title, Cell Phone, Email, Institution and Training Status. Then check-off if there is a financial relationship to disclose for the author.

SAGES, adhering to the policies of the ACCME, must insure balance, independence, objectivity, and scientific rigor in all its educational activities. The ACCME states "the owners and employees of ineligible companies are considered to have unresolvable financial relationships and must be excluded from participating as planners or faculty, and must not be allowed to influence or control any aspect of the planning, delivery, or evaluation of accredited continuing education, except in the limited circumstances outlined in [Standard 3.2](#)." Therefore, the SAGES Conflict of Interest Committee (CIC) declares that no employees/owners of an ineligible company may present in SAGES CME accredited sessions. This policy is applicable to abstract authors and presenters.

Click [here](#) to view the ACCME's definition of ineligible company, owner and employee.

Please contact erin@sages.org with any questions regarding SAGES Policy on Owner/Employee of Ineligible Companies.

It is at this point where you must disclose any and all relevant financial relationships with Ineligible Companies. If there is nothing to disclose, select **No**; you be taken back to the previous page where you may add more authors. If there is anything to disclose, select **Yes**; you will be taken to another page to enter your disclosure(s) and conflict of interest management strategy.

The screenshot shows the 'Abstract Submission and Management' interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Main Menu' and 'New Abstract' links, and a user ID 'testuser' with a 'logout' link. The main heading is 'Abstract Submission: Titles, Authors & Institutions'. Below this is a form for 'Abstract Title'. A modal window titled 'Add Author' is open, displaying a 'Disclosure: Test User' form. The form contains the following fields and options:

- *Company: [Text input field]
- *What was received: [Dropdown menu with 'Select compensation...']
- *What was the role: [Dropdown menu with 'Select role...']
- *Is this relationship still currently active: Yes, it is still active; No, it concluded within the last 24 months

At the bottom of the modal, there are '<< Back' and 'Submit' buttons.

Enter author's financial disclosure.

You will be taken to another page to add more disclosures OR finalize the disclosure entry.

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If you select **Yes**, you will be directed to another disclosure screen similar to that pictured above. If you select **No**, you may move on to add the next author.

Enter the rest of the Authors in the same manner; making sure the disclosure information is accurate and up to date. You may add any number of authors in any order you wish once you have completed adding the First (Primary) Author.

Click **Save & Continue** to move on to the next step or **Back** to edit the contact information. From this point forward, if you leave the site, your abstract will be saved.

Part 5 – Submitting a New Abstract || Step 3 – Topic

Abstract Submission and Management


» [Main Menu](#) | [New Abstract](#)

User ID: [testuser](#) | [logout](#)

Abstract Submission: Type and Topic

*Type: Paper Abstract
 Video Abstract (I will upload a video or provide a link to a video)

*Topic: (Please choose the topic below that most closely matches the topic of your abstract)
select... ▼

The presenter is marked as a Resident. What is their anticipated completion date?
 

Select whether this is a Written Abstract or Video Abstract being submitted.

Use the Topic pull-down menu to select the topic that most closely matches the topic of this abstract.

If the presenter is a Student/Resident/Fellow, provide the anticipated date of completion of training.

Click **Back** to go back and edit Authors and Institutions or **Next** to continue.

Part 5 – Submitting a New Abstract || Step 4 – Type and Financial Disclosure

Abstract Submission and Management
» [Main Menu](#) | [New Abstract](#) User ID: [testuser](#) | [logout](#)

Abstract Submission: Additional Information

***My research is still in progress and I will send the revised/final abstract body via email by December 1, 2024.**

Please Note: You must still submit your current research/abstract through this submission system to be considered.

***What branches of the military are represented on this abstract?**

If your abstract/QIP is still in progress, enter Yes.

Please list which branches of the military are represented on this abstract.

Click **Next** to add and edit the body of your Abstract Summary.

Part 5 – Submitting a New Abstract || Step 5 – Edit your Abstract Content

Once you have entered the basic information for your abstract, the abstract editor will now appear on screen. You will now be able to edit your abstract.








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» [Main Menu](#) | [New Abstract](#) User ID: [testuser](#) | [logout](#)

Abstract Submission: Body

Please enter up to **400** words.

Editor Tool Bar

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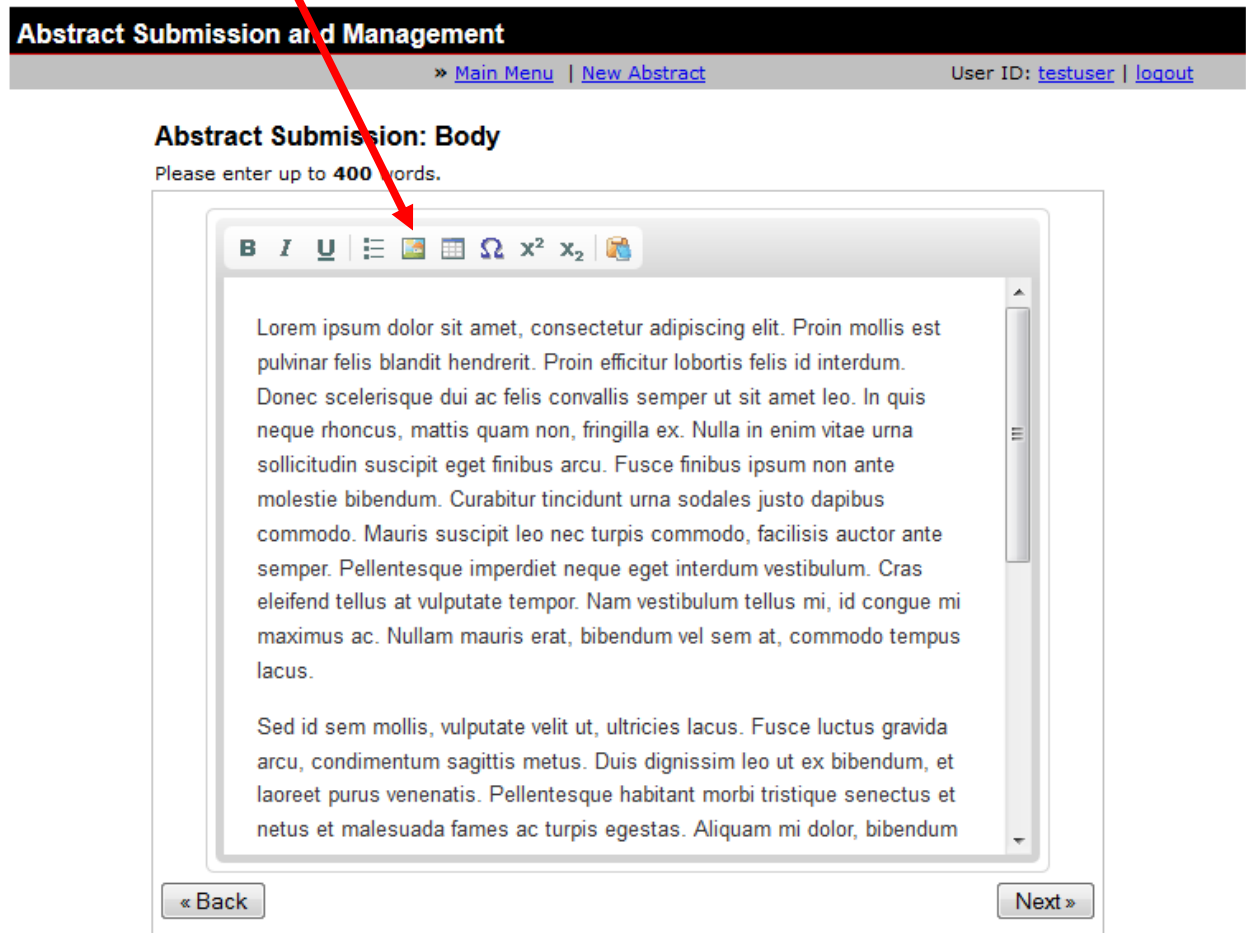
Entering Text

1. You may enter abstract text simply by typing it in the abstract box.
2. Alternatively, you may use the editor's copy & paste function
 - a. You may copy & paste from **MS Word** or paste as **Plain Text** by choosing the appropriate icon in the editor tool bar.

Please Note: Every abstract submitted must adhere to a **400-word limitation**. This restriction will be strictly enforced via the online submission system.

Inserting an Image

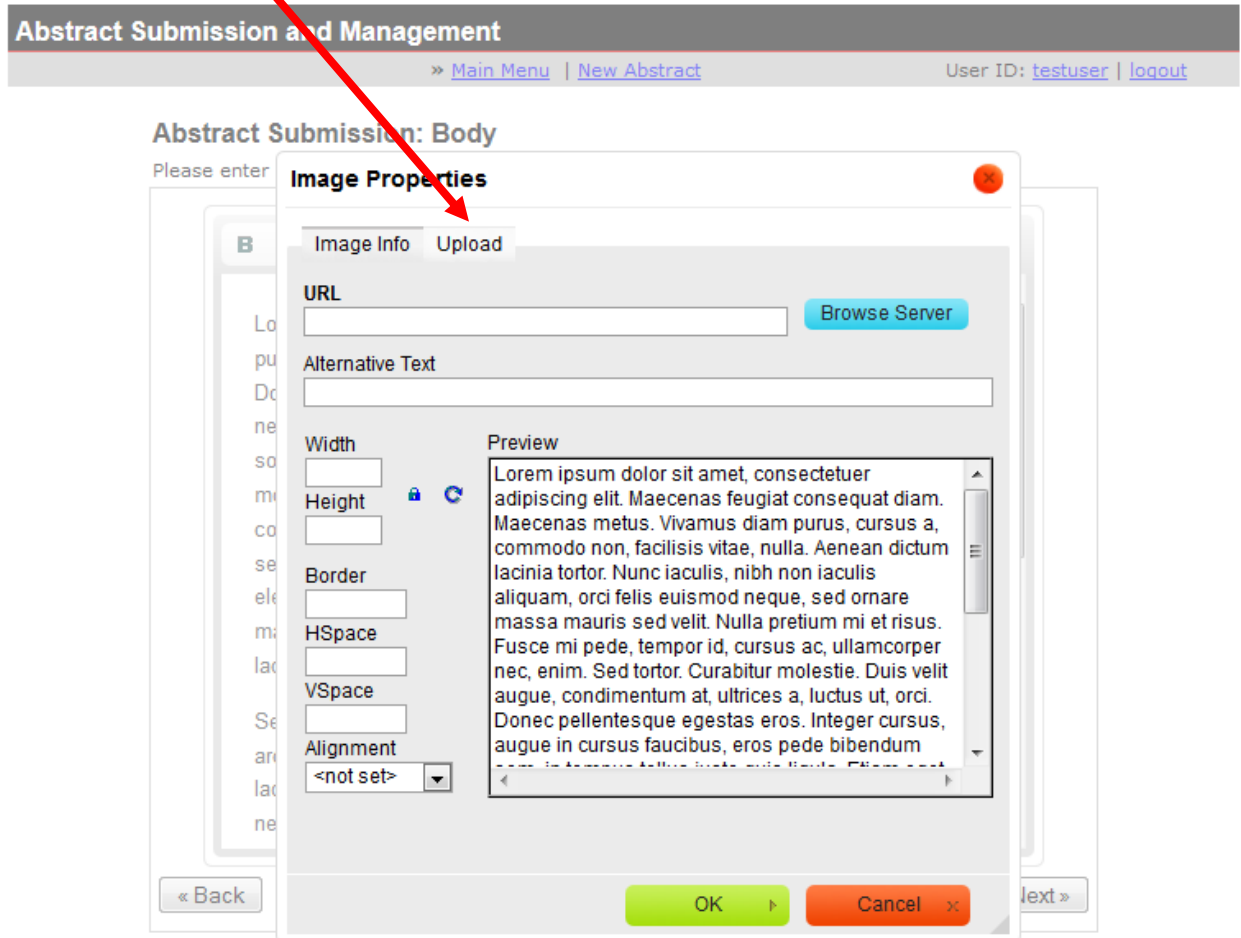
1. Select the **Image icon** from the editor tool bar



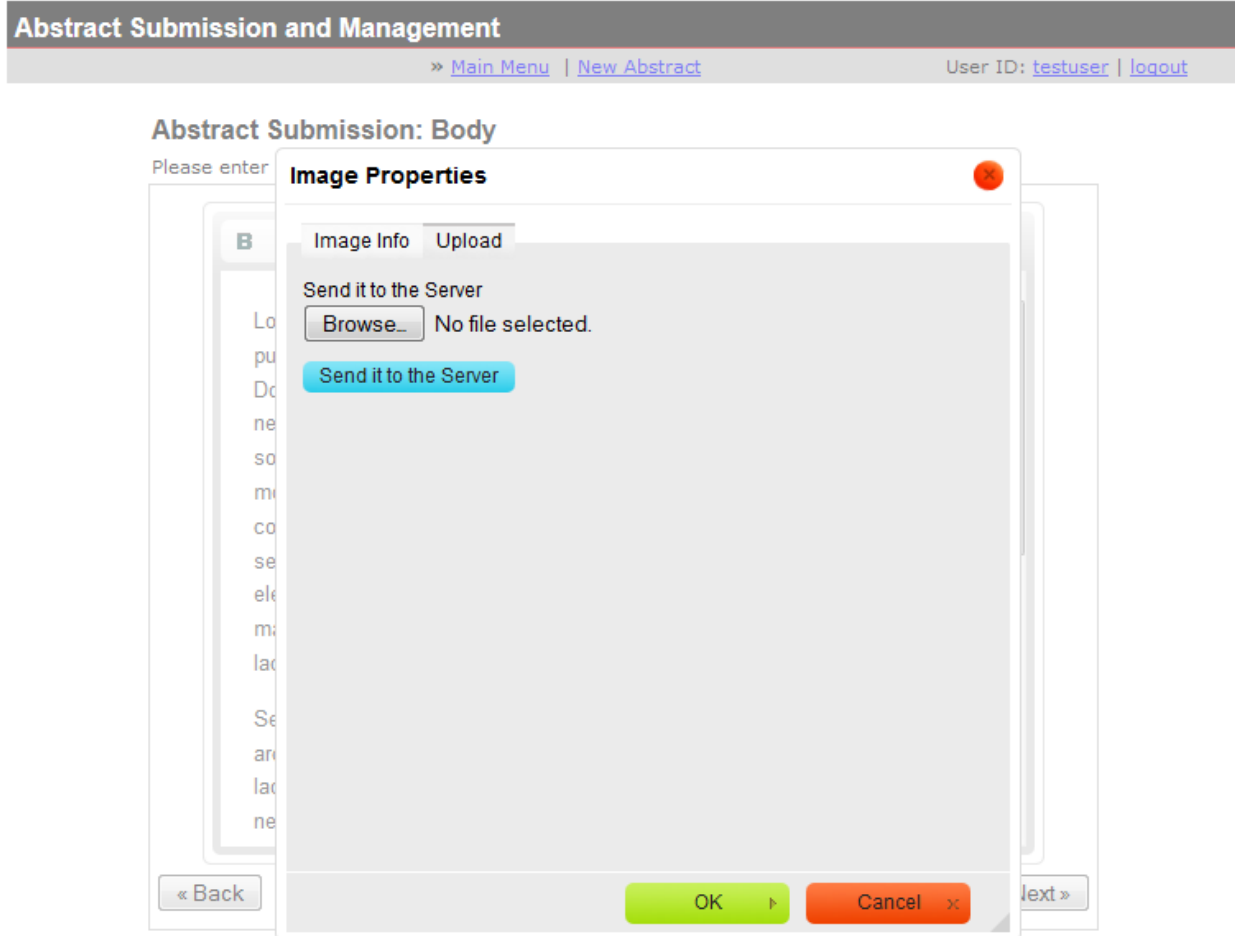
The screenshot displays the 'Abstract Submission and Management' interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Main Menu' and 'New Abstract', and a user ID of 'testuser' with a 'logout' link. Below this is the 'Abstract Submission: Body' section, which includes a word count limit of 400 words. The main content area is a text editor with a toolbar containing icons for bold (B), italic (I), underline (U), list, image, table, link, and mathematical symbols (x², x₂). A red arrow points to the image icon in the toolbar. The text editor contains two paragraphs of placeholder text (Lorem ipsum). At the bottom of the editor, there are '« Back' and 'Next »' buttons.

2. The Image Properties box will now appear on screen.

3. Select the **Upload** tab to upload your image.

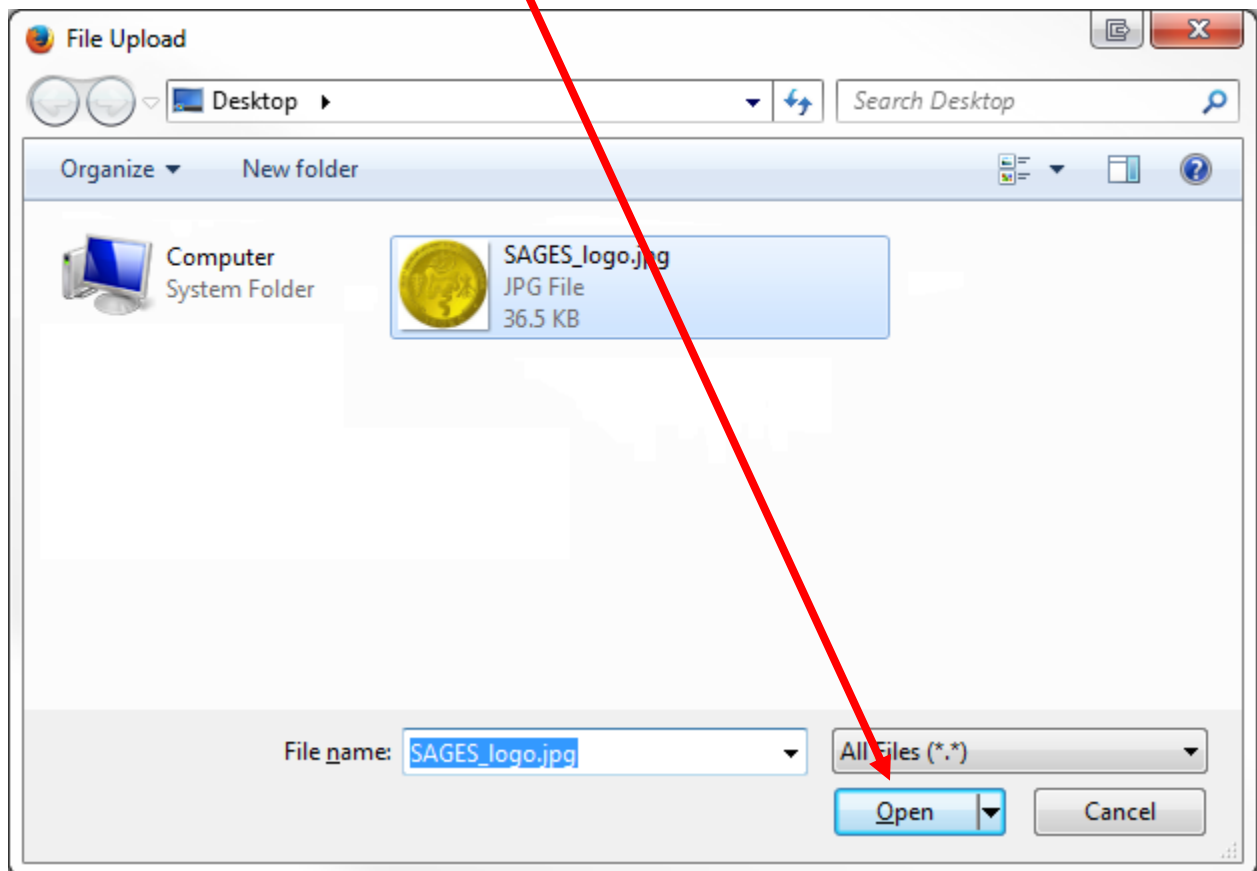


4. The file upload box will now appear on screen



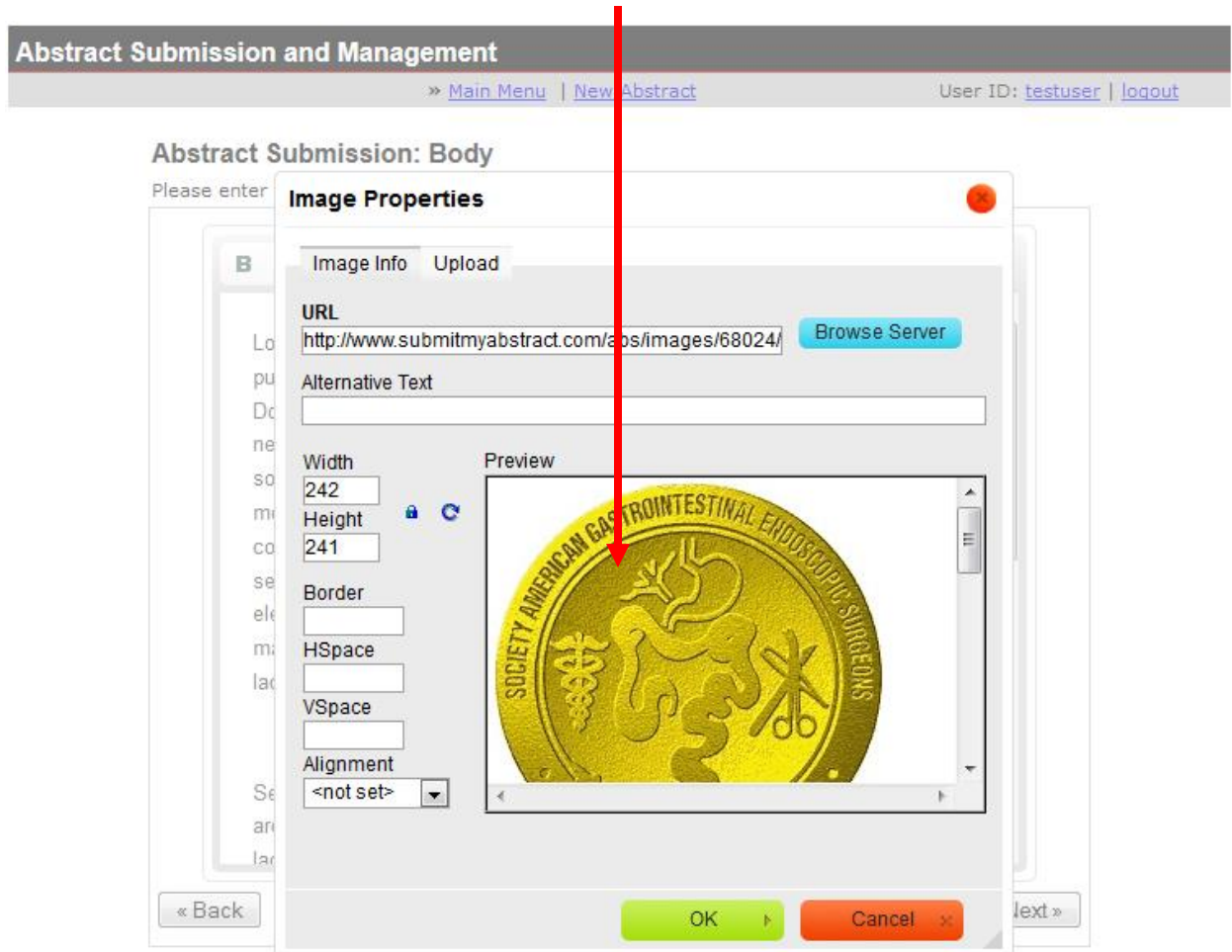
5. Select the **Browse** button and navigate your local hard drive to locate the desired image.

6. Select the image and press the **Open** button



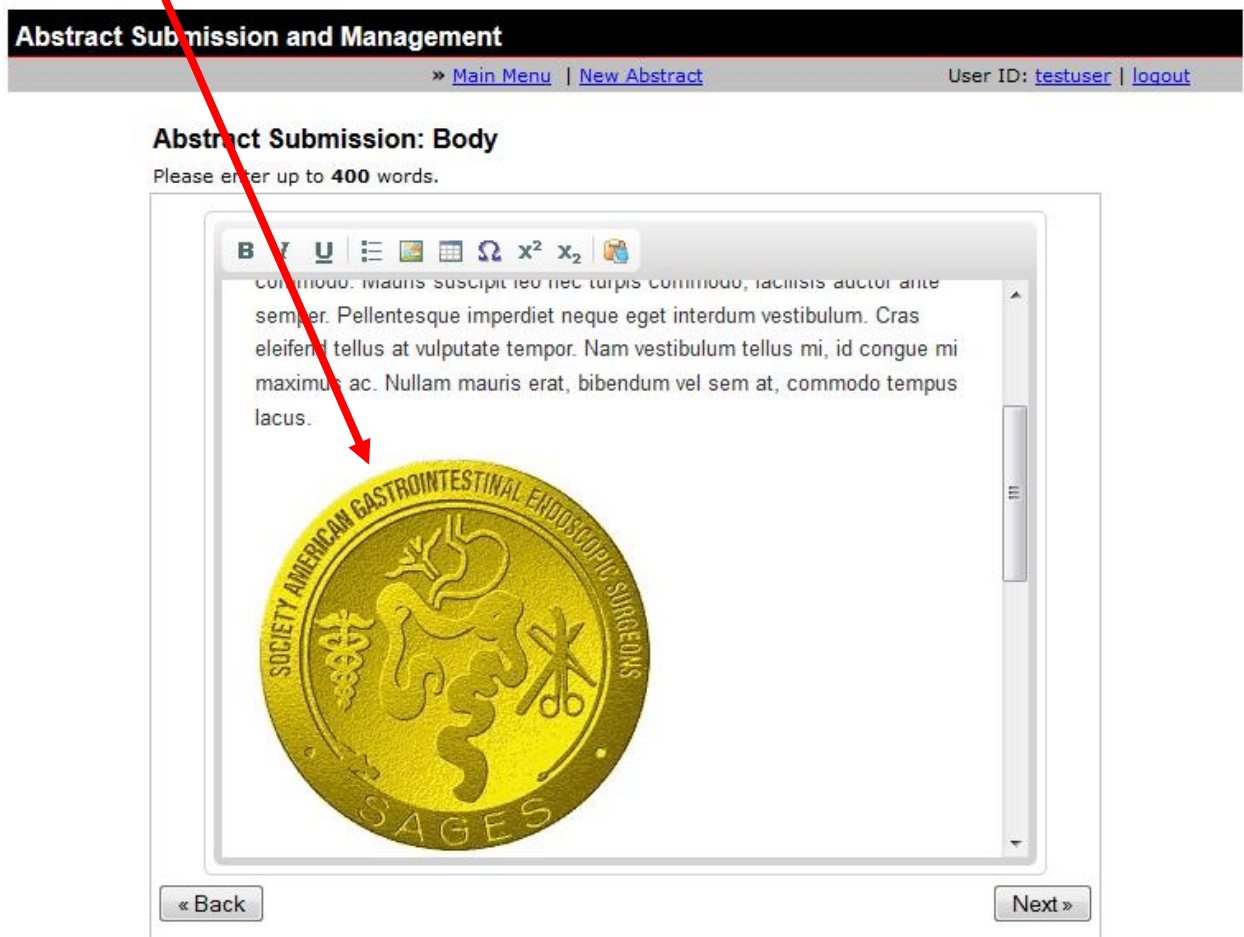
7. You will return to the **Image Properties** screen
8. Press the **Send it to the Server** button

9. Your image will now appear on the **preview screen** portion of the image properties.



10. Press the **OK** button

11. Your image will now appear in your abstract editor box along with your submitted text.



12. Select **Next** to continue with the abstract submission

Please Note: We have provided support for small images in this software. **Because images must be in JPG format and less than 1000 kb in size and should be less than 900 pixels in width and height.**

Generating a Table within the Abstract Editor

1. Select the **Table Icon** from the editor tool bar.



2. The Table Properties screen will now appear.

3. Fill in the table definitions as needed (rows, columns, header, summary, etc)

Abstract Submission and Management

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Abstract Submission: Body

Please enter up to **400** words.

Table Properties

Rows	<input type="text" value="3"/>	Width	<input type="text" value="100%"/>
Columns	<input type="text" value="2"/>	Height	<input type="text"/>
Headers	<input type="text" value="None"/>	Cell spacing	<input type="text" value="1"/>
Border size	<input type="text" value="1"/>	Cell padding	<input type="text" value="1"/>
Alignment	<input type="text" value="<not set>"/>		
Caption	<input type="text"/>		
Summary	<input type="text"/>		

« Back Next »

4. Press **OK**

5. A blank table will now appear in your abstract

Abstract Submission and Management

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Abstract Submission: Body
Please enter up to **400** words.

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« Back Next »

6. Fill in the table with your desired data.
7. Select **Next**

Including a Video

1. If you are submitting a Video Abstract Summary, click on the link entitled “**Click here if you would like to include a video for this abstract**”


Abstract Submission and Management


» [Main Menu](#) | [New Abstract](#) User ID: [testuser](#) | [logout](#)

Abstract Submission: Final Review

TEST ABSTRACT [Test User MD, SAGES](#)

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 [Click here if you would like to include a video for this abstract](#)

Terms and Conditions

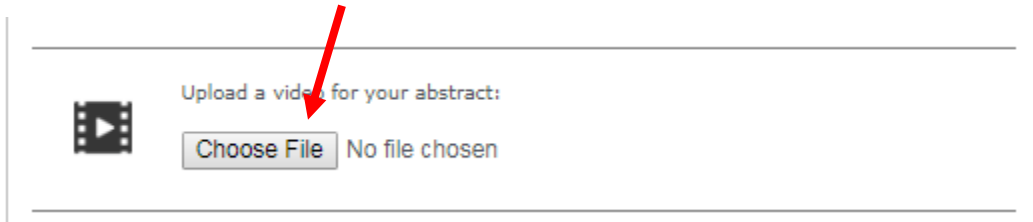
I certify that the information on these forms is correct and that this is abstract is original work.

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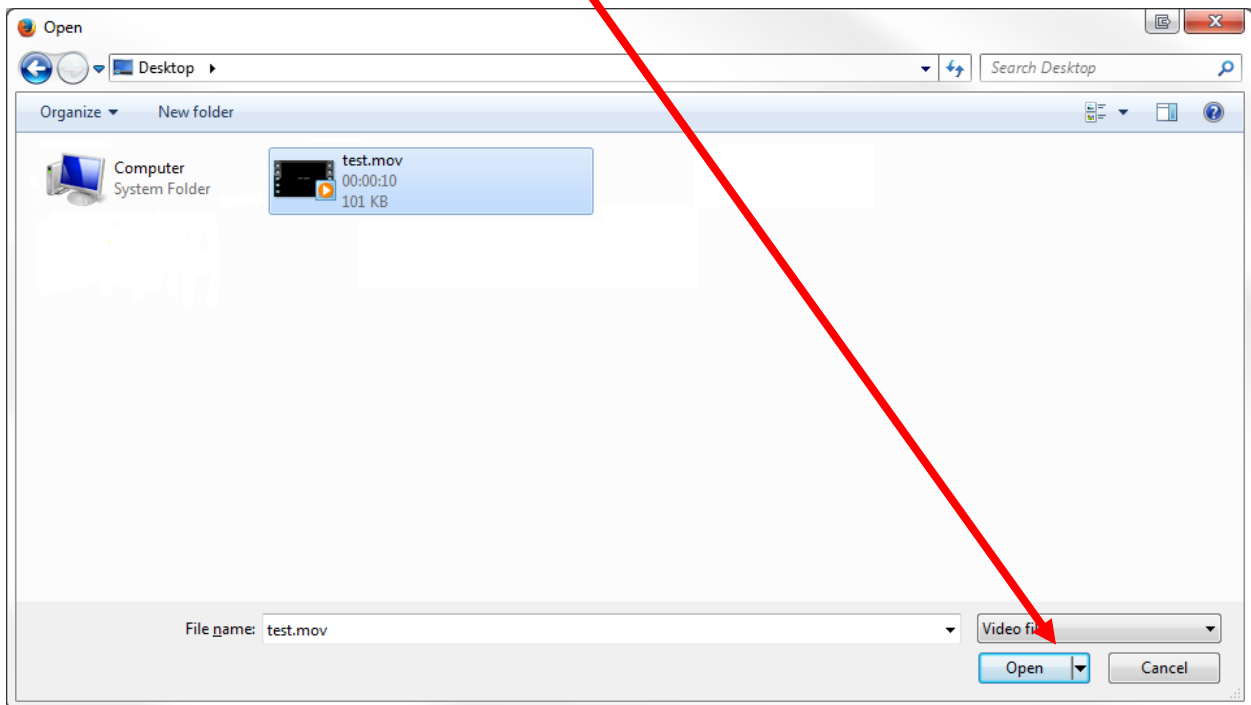
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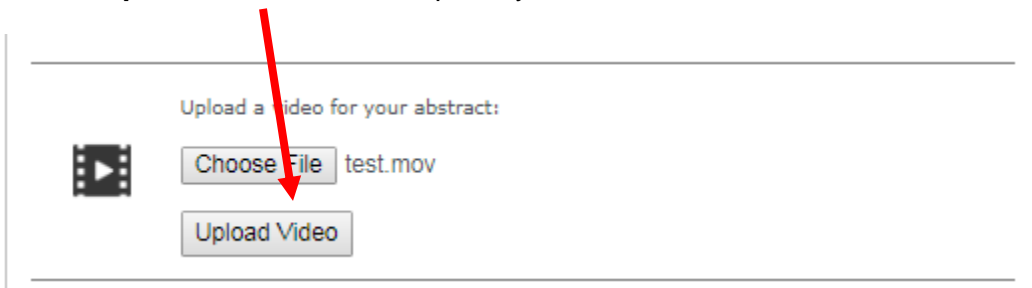
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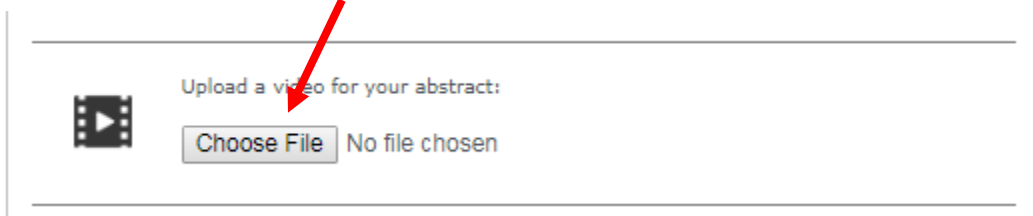
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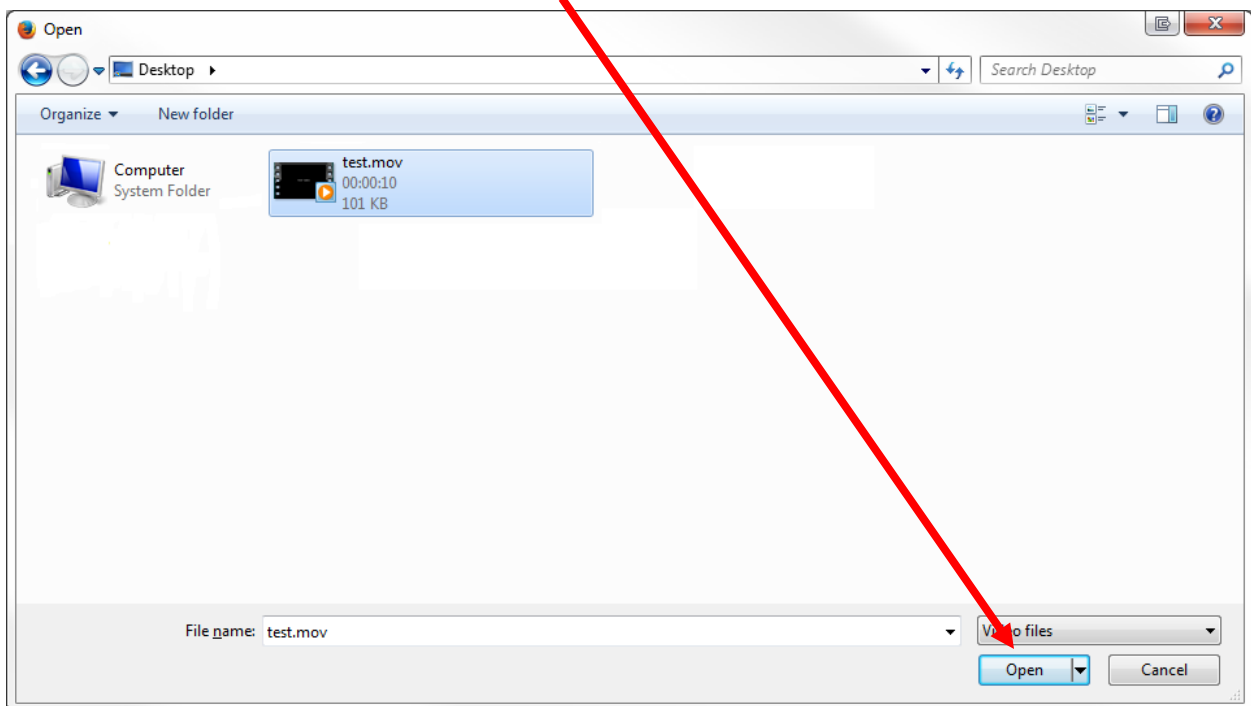
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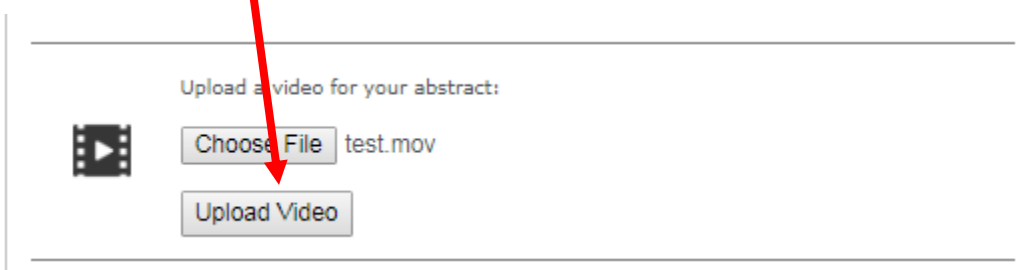
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Part 6a – Abstract Management – The Main Menu

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Abstract Text Definitions

In Process: Abstract has not yet been completed

Pending: Abstract complete, awaiting review

In Review: Abstract is being scored by reviewers

Reviewed: Reviewer has submitted his/her results

Done: Abstract review process has been completed. Notification of acceptance will be sent shortly.

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Part 6b – Abstracts that will be considered for presentation

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Part 6c – Abstract Management – Editing an Abstract

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Part 6d – Abstract Management – Deleting an Abstract

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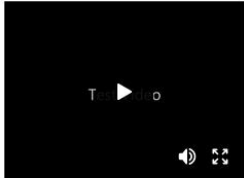

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